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Addendum

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Chapter _____. PROGRAMME QUESTIONS

Programme performance and implementation

1. The Commission considered item 13 (a) of its agenda at its 447th meeting, on 11 February 1991. It had before it the reports of the Secretary-General containing an overall review of the statistical work of the international organizations for the biennium 1988-1989 (E/CN.3/1991/28) and updated information on the work of the Statistical Office of the United Nations Secretariat (E/CN.3/1991/30). Copies of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on its thirtieth session (A/45/16 (Part 1)) and the report of the Secretary-General on the programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 1988-1989 (A/45/218/Add.1) were made available to the Commission.

2. The representative of the World Tourism Organization (WTO) made a statement supplementing the information on the Organization's statistical activities given in document E/CN.3/1991/28. The Commission was pleased to learn that an International Conference on Tourism Activities would be convened in Ottawa from 25 to 28 June 1991. The purpose of the Conference would be to examine several issues of statistics on tourism, including, inter alia, the definition of basic indicators, the improvement of coordination between producers and users of tourism statistics at the national level, with special attention to the needs of developing countries, profit derived from tourism and future information needs. WTO expected to

strengthen its coordination with the regional commissions in its future work on tourism statistics. The Commission welcomed the proposal by WTO that it submit a report to the Commission at its twenty-seventh session, in 1993, on the conclusions and recommendations of the Ottawa Conference, after consultations and coordination with the regional commissions.

3. The representative of the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations also made a statement supplementing the information contained in document E/CN.3/1991/28. The Commission was informed that the Centre had developed several corporate databases, including one on service transnational corporations and a detailed database on foreign direct investment statistics. That work was undertaken in cooperation with the regional commissions and other international organizations, where appropriate.

Action taken by the Commission

4. The Commission:

(a) Expressed satisfaction with the progress made by international organizations in implementing their work programmes;

(b) Requested the Secretary-General to submit a programme report on the statistical work of the international organizations to the Commission at its twenty-seventh session;

(c) Requested the World Tourism Organization to submit a report to the Commission at its twenty-seventh session on the conclusions and recommendations of the Ottawa Conference, after consultations and coordination with the regional commissions.